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MAYOR JERRY SANDERS

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SANDERS APPOINTS JULIE DUBICK CHIEF OF STAFF

She will succeed Kris Michell, who has been named President of the Downtown Partnership

San Diego – Mayor Jerry Sanders today promoted Julie Dubick to the position of chief of staff, succeeding Kris Michell, who has been named president of the Downtown San Diego Partnership.

“Julie has been one of my top advisors since I took office in 2005,” said Mayor Sanders. “She is a proven leader with solid policy experience and community involvement who knows the ins and outs of City Hall. I am pleased to have Julie leading our team.”

Dubick previously served as the mayor’s deputy chief of staff and policy director. In that capacity, she shepherded several high-profile projects and initiatives, including the mayor’s pension reform efforts and economic development.

Before joining the mayor’s office, Dubick was a partner at the law firm Seltzer Caplan McMahon Vitek. Before that, she was assistant director of the U.S. Marshals Service and an attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, DC.

“I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the mayor in this new role and continue his pension reform agenda at City Hall, as well as take a fresh look at the way government provides services to its citizens,” said Dubick. “I wish Kris the best and will continue to work with her in this new capacity.”

“I look forward to working with Julie to implement the next phase of my reform agenda, which I will unveil at my State of the City Address in January,” said Sanders. “I’m very optimistic about the future -- about eliminating the city’s structural budget deficit once and for all, instituting managed competition and information technology outsourcing, and moving forward with important projects such as the expansion of our convention center.”

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Sanders also thanked Michell for her years of service. “I have the utmost respect for Kris,” said Sanders. “She played a major role in everything my administration has accomplished, from implementing the strong mayor form of government and reducing the city’s structural budget deficit, to creating a new pension system.”

“It’s bittersweet when someone you’ve worked with closely leaves,” said Sanders. “But one of the most gratifying aspects of leadership, whether it’s at the Police Department, United Way or here at the City, is the opportunity to mentor and develop the next generation of community leaders. It’s a measure of the quality of the people we have in this office that they are in demand for important leadership roles in our community, and I’m proud to play a part in cultivating that next generation of leadership,” he said

Michell also acknowledged Mayor Sanders. “It has been an honor to serve the mayor. He is a man of unquestionable character, who has worked with great persistence to reform city government and restore trust in city government. He has accomplished so much – all during one of the deepest economic downturns in our nation’s history. The people of San Diego are fortunate to have him leading our city.”

Dubick, who has served on a number of local non-profit boards, assumes her new role on January 15, 2011. Her husband, Mitch, is a partner at the law firm of Higgs Fletcher & Mack. They have three children: Jessica, an entertainment attorney in Los Angeles; David, who works in Washington, DC; and Gabby, a junior at La Jolla High School.

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